GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2757
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2008
INDIAN WOMEN DESERTED/ HARASSED BY THEIR NRI HUSBANDS
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari;Chitthan Shri N.S.V.;Dhotre Shri Sanjay Shamrao;Hussain Shri Syed Shahnawaz;Lagadapati Shri Rajagopal;Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints received from women harassed by their NRI husbands abroad during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise;

(b) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to look into the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a): The complaints received regarding Indian women deserted /harassed/ divorced by their overseas Indian husbands for the last three years are as under:

Year 2005 19

Year 2006 65

Year 2007 138

The country wise details is attached at Annexure -A .

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): An inter-Ministerial sub committee with Secretary ,MOIA as Chairman and representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Law & Justice , National Commission for Women, National Human Rights Commission and representatives from the State Governments of Punjab and Andhra Pradesh had been set up to study the problems faced by Indian women deserted by their overseas Indian spouses and give their recommendations to tackle the problems .

(d): The Ministry has launched an awareness campaign through a guidance booklet, information pamphlets in English, Hindi, and regional languages and through the electronic and the print media to educate and sensitize prospective brides and their families over marital alliances with overseas Indians.

The Ministry has also launched a scheme to provide legal and financial assistance to women deserted by their overseas Indian spouses through Indian Missions/Posts abroad. The details of the scheme are attached at Annexure -B.